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The Game of Retaliation.

Poultny Bigelow, the American newspaper correspondent in London, suggests that one way to retaliate on Germany for the exclusion of American products would be to stop the coming to New York of such German steamships as are fitted out as armed cruisers, and manned by those who have served in the German army.

This might prove provoking to Germany, but it is not likely that it would have the desired effect. President McKinley has it in his power to strike a more effective blow, and one which would more quickly bring our cousins over the way to terms. There is absolutely no justice in the reasons assigned by the Prussian officials for the decree against American fruits—no more, in fact, than there was in a similar course pursued some years ago toward our meats, and more recently against American insurance companies. The action is simply in accordance with the German policy of driving out American products. It is no new policy due to recent tariff legislation in this country. Its beginning dates back of that and the adherence to it is consistent with the characteristic hatred of republics, as well as with the policy of the German government to popularize itself with the agrarian vote.

But notwithstanding all this, Germany has commercial relations with this country she cannot afford to sacrifice. It is within our power to give the Kaiser's government very much the worst of it at the game of retaliation. No legislation is needed to bring the latter government to its senses. The President has already the authority, and will undoubtedly exercise it if diplomacy fails. In the matter of retaliation the United States has nothing to fear.

It is worthy of note that the policy adopted toward American products does not receive the unanimous approval of the German people. The entire Liberal press disapproves it strongly, and boldly charges that the whole matter is due to the desire on the part of the government to secure for Emperor William's naval bill the support of the Agrarians, who are clamoring for measures aimed at American imports into Germany.

With this formidable opposition at home, it is more than likely that the German government will be forced to either materially modify its policy or abandon it altogether. Otherwise, the United States government has at hand the remedy above suggested.

Grant and the Gold Standard.

As a part of a reply to a question propounded by our neighbor, the Register, regarding the payment of the public debt in silver and gold, the Intelligencer quoted from a speech delivered in the house of representatives by Mr. Dolliver (not "Dollinger," as our neighbor has it in two places), to show where the Republican party gathered its inspiration for its treatment of the bonded indebtedness. In this speech Mr. Dolliver quoted from the inaugural address of President U. S. Grant, and also from a letter written by the great general from Paris, in 1873, to Mr. Washburn, to show that the understanding was at the time of the contract to pay the government debts in money recognized as the best the world over, which at that time was understood by everybody to be gold.

In Saturday's Register it suited the editor to garble from this quotation from Mr. Dolliver a sentence from his extracts from General Grant's utterances and twist it to mean that Grant meant the very opposite from what he did mean, and what the whole country knew that he meant at the time. If our neighbor had desired to be fair it would have published both General Grant's utterances used by the Intelligencer. That would have done Grant's memory full justice, and would have made unnecessary the more than a column of labored endeavor to misconstrue a garbled extract.

Fortunately, the older men among our neighbor's readers remember the position of Grant on these questions, and they will not be affected by that paper's attempted deception. Following is the quotation from President Grant's first inaugural address in 1869, used by Mr. Dolliver, and which the Register misconstrued:

"To protect the national honor every dollar of government indebtedness should be paid in gold, unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract."

The garbling of a statement from the Intelligencer to the effect that there had been but about 6,000,000 silver dollars coined by the government up to 1873, and that they were not in circulation, because of their higher value, in order to make it appear that the logic of the above from President Grant's speech in that he was advocating the payment in cheaper money, which logic would now

sustain the contention of the Bryanites, isn't worthy of a reply. The point is unworthy of the Register, or of the veriest Populist demagogue.

A further evidence of the Register's unfairness in construing President McKinley's position, is found in the fact that our neighbor stopped short with the above quotation, and totally ignored the following from Grant's Paris letter, which followed it in the Intelligencer, showing that gold was the recognized standard and redemption money:

"The whole Democratic party cried itself hoarse over the outrage upon the constitution when the nation in its desperation adopted the 'legal-tender note.' Now the whole party seems to be endeavoring to issue an unlimited quantity of this money in spite of the solemn promise that above a certain amount—\$400,000,000—should not be issued, in spite of the solemn obligation that those issued should be redeemed in gold. UNDESTOOD AT THE TIME TO BE GOLD COIN."

This testimony from Grant, as to the understanding, is only one of the hundreds of similar testimonials that can be cited. We leave it for the public to judge, and to the Register's own conscience, if in view of the last quotation, our neighbor has done justice to Grant's memory in its juggle with his inaugural speech. Moreover, it remains that no one can state what bond-issues of the government made to carry on the war stipulated that the debt was to be paid otherwise than in gold, or otherwise than in money recognized as the best at the time of the maturity of the debt.

United Republican Approval.

An encouraging sign, and one which contradicts the confident assertions of the Bryanite press, that President McKinley's recent declarations concerning the currency would "split the Republican party wide open," is the fact that there has been a ready and practically unanimous response of approval from the Republican and Gold Democratic press of the country. The endorsement of the President and the action of the house in voting down the Teller resolution shows that the party everywhere stands for honest currency with as much unyielding enthusiasm as it did in 1896.

Referring to this agreeable fact the Philadelphia Press says:

If there had been a break anywhere there would have been a claim that the party was wavering in its attitude on the money question, and as a line is only as strong as its weakest part there might have come demoralization to the whole organization. From this danger the party is delivered. There is not a sign of hesitation or doubt anywhere. So far as known there is not a Republican newspaper in the country which has expressed dissent from the utterances of President McKinley or dissatisfaction with the prompt and energetic way in which the house of representatives threw out the Teller resolution. The press has probably as well-distributed an exchange list as any newspaper in the country. It includes every leading newspaper printed in the United States, and scores of those of lesser importance.

A careful study of these newspapers for a week past has failed to show any proof that the Republican party is not ready to support the demand that the money of the country be made and kept equal to gold. There is a unanimous utterance in favor of making the currency question the leading issue from the consensus of camps, and of fighting out the battle for a gold standard to the end. The expression is the same from Boston to San Francisco.

This is indeed encouraging. It indicates a united party, and in addition is the fact that, without an important exception, the Gold Democratic newspapers have responded with an approval just as emphatic. The situation is such that the general sentiment is that the time is ripe to push to an issue a practical reform of the currency. President McKinley struck the keynote when he said in his New York speech, "Better an honest effort with failure than the avoiding of so plain and commanding a duty."

An Unwarranted Fling.

The scheme of the apollis hunters, who are after more spoils, to divide West Virginia into two judicial districts, has the endorsement of Justice McKenna, state attorney general, and we all know how good and pure a man Mr. McKenna is—Register.

Since the West Virginia Bar Association, composed of the ablest lawyers in this state, and representing both parties, unanimously endorsed the division of the state, and the proposition is being advocated by distinguished Democrats, being also recommended by the congressional judiciary committee, without party division, are we to take the above partisan, if not absolutely malicious fling, as applying also to them?

Why doesn't the Register take up specifically the many strong reasons given in the committee's report for the division, and show wherein any one of them is weak, or does not state the situation properly? Perhaps the Register can show why it is that one single court in West Virginia should be required to do more business than the twelve federal courts combined in four of the greatest states, in point of population and wealth in the Union—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois? Perhaps our neighbor can show that the committee's estimate that the proposed division would result in an actual saving of expenses to the government is not true? Perhaps it hopes that its unwarranted fling in the above paragraph completely annihilates every argument and all the court statistics produced in favor of the division—matters on which our neighbor has not enlightened its readers, notwithstanding the state importance of the measure. The talk about it being a scheme of spoilsmen is a reflection on the State Bar Association and every honorable man, Democrat or Republican, who for twenty years past has advocated the desirability of the movement.

Of the less than a column of space devoted to editorial comment in the Sunday Register, two-thirds of it was occupied by an attempt to be funny about a paragraph in the Intelligencer concerning a retort by Dr. Mary Walker to a personal question asked her by the Chinese minister as to her attire. The Intelligencer's brief reference to the incident did not commend Dr. Mary's eccentricity in wearing men's clothing, though the Register seems to think that it did. However, if the Register regarded the subject as sufficient important to monopolize its editorial space under the impression that it was edifying its Sunday readers, it is welcome to think whatever it pleases about this paper's views.

The thousands of friends and acquaintances of Col. John A. Robinson, of Mineral county, will regret to read the announcement of his death, which occurred at his home, at Patterson Creek, yesterday. Col. Robinson has been prominent in the state for many years and has filled many positions of trust in

the public service. He was also well known as a business man, and was a citizen who held the esteem and respect of every one for his upright character and sterling integrity. His death will be generally mourned throughout the state.

The Mormon missionary in charge of the work in the east made the startling statement at the convention in Washington that Mormonism is spreading rapidly in the country, and will soon "overshadow some of the old and well tried religious bodies in the east." There have been undoubtedly a large number of converts to this faith in recent years in many parts of the country, but it is not at all likely that the "overshadowing" day is near at hand. There is probably a little more boost than there are statistics to hang it on in the statement of the eastern missionary.

The impression is growing that there is something more than our unselfish devotion to the silver cause back of Senator Teller's course. It is stated that he is trying to play the "Greeley act." He is attempting to disrupt the Republican party, and to head off Bryan as the candidate of all the silver forces for President. Mr. Teller should not forget the fate of Greeley. There never has been a successful politician of the kind that the Colorado senator represents.

The committee on retrenchment and reform of the Virginia legislature has made a report in which it recommends a general scaling down of appropriations for all the state charitable and educational institutions. Economy in public expenditures is a good thing, but a state should be careful before it begins its policy of retrenchment with these important institutions. There is danger lest it prove that the work was begun at the wrong end.

Mr. William J. Bryan is quoted as saying that what he needs more than anything else is a good rest. That's right, Mr. Bryan, and while you are about it give the remainder of the country a good rest, also.

IF—

If a man is overbold he seldom gets bowled over.

If a man is happily married he is transported for life.

If a girl has a blind beau she must have a spark of feeling.

If a man has a bee in his bonnet he is reasonably sure of a lively-hood.

If a lover of books is a bookworm a lover of silks must be a silk worm.

If you would know what kind of a temper a woman has take a wet dog into her parlor.

If a pair of shoes are too small they may fit a woman, but if they are too large she has a fit.

If you would know what your friends say of you when you are absent listen to what is said of others in your presence.

If a married man dreams he's a bachelor it's a sure sign that he will meet with a disappointment when he wakes up.—Chicago Daily News.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

Woman wouldn't be near so much of a curiosity if she didn't have any.

No man can keep a secret when he's in love and no woman can keep a secret when she isn't.

Probably women like cats because they always act so unhappy when it's raining outdoors.

Most men would rather be held up by a footpad for all they've got than to hold up a baby for five minutes.

No girl has any idea how much she cares for a man till she begins to have an idea how little he cares for her.

A woman is attractive in much the same way as the north pole is. When you know all about it, you have discovered that there was nothing there.—New York Press.

Well, This Is Warm.

"Parkersburg State Journal": "Musical Wheeling," that hum-drum misnomer that is pumped, pounded and punched into the brains of the readers of the Wheeling papers, has two rivals—Pennsboro and Weston. Young men of the former place and lunatics of the latter place have organized brass bands and will proceed to blow themselves.

For refreshing change we welcome "musical Pennsboro," and "musical Weston." Pennsboro's band will really be all right, as N. Cunningham is the efficient instructor.

Don't Worry.

Don't worry, dear; the bluestreak years That clog the forward way, Each thing to nothing when it nears, And we may saunter through, The darkest moment never comes, It only looms before: The loss of hope is what benumbs, Not trouble at the door.

Don't worry, dear; the clouds are black, But with them comes the rain, And stiller, though they call, May thrill with sap again. The burden bear as best we can, And there'll be none to wear; Hard work is never killed a man, But worry did his share.

Don't worry, dear; don't blanch, don't yield, But dare the days to come; Nor give the enemy the field, Because he beats his drum. These little woes that hover near, Are nothing, though they call; We know that life is love, my dear, And life and love are all. —Samuel Mervin, in Youth's Companion.

A New Crazy Set in Connection.

A lot of old fanatics in the state recently immersed an old rheumatic woman bodily in the water to "heal her up" as they said. She nearly died in consequence. How much better it would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents kidney complaint and remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and nervous prostration. Give it a systematic trial.

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STATE PRESS CLEANINGS.

The nomination of Hon. George M. Bowers, of Martinsburg, as United States commissioner of fish and fisheries, while not unexpected, is none the less gratifying to his hosts of West Virginia friends. Mr. Bowers is a man of affairs and will make a splendid executive officer for this important position.—Parkersburg State Journal.

In speaking of the death of Clay C. Smith, of Spencer, and one of the most prominent citizens of Roane county, the Record says: "He was born in Jackson county on his father's farm about six miles from Ripley, February 24, 1834, and was almost 64 years old at his death. The deceased was a consistent member and faithful official of the Presbyterian church, and a public citizen whose worth and merits cannot be expressed in words. The history of Roane county is stamped with the life and labors of Mr. Smith. No enterprise of pith or moment in the county has ever met with a kinder friend than Mr. Smith. In 1857 Mr. Smith was appointed a member of the Spencer asylum board for a term of four years, and later was elected treasurer. He was also president and cashier of the bank of Spencer. He was elected mayor a number of times, and made an efficient officer. His integrity was of the unending and uncompromising kind that knew no taint of 'deals' or public or private steals, but always stood on the side of right, truth and honesty."

The trade in muskrat skins is getting brisk, and Mr. Robert G. Miller, who deals in goods of this sort, is buying a great many pelts just now. Muskrats are caught along almost any of the streams in this section, and their hides have a value that makes their capture quite profitable. They are caught in steel traps as a general thing, the traps being set along their "runs" either in the water or out of it. Mr. Miller sells the pelts in New York—Shepherdstown Register.

It is reported from Reedsville, Preston county, W. Va., on good authority, that Norway rats attacked some cattle belonging to W. A. Guseman, of that place, and caused the death of one of the steers and others may die. The cattle were in a stable or shed and during the night an army of these huge rats attacked them and so gnawed and lacerated their backs as to cause death. It is a strange and unusual case, something not often heard of.—Cumberland News.

Those of our readers who have any doubts as to the return of prosperity to this section of the country need only to walk down and watch the amount of business being done by the Chesapeake & Ohio railway. An average of about seven hundred loaded cars a day pass through this place and the coal, lumber and other products with which they are loaded are conclusive evidence that labor is employed to a great extent in its production and transportation. At no period in the history of the road has the present business been so good and the indications are favorable for a continued increase. The effect is very perceptibly felt in this city, which is made up largely of railroad men, and the contrast, when compared with a year ago, is so marked that it is apparent to all.—Hinton Republican.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

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